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Jehay was called in the 11th century Jahin or Jehaign. Around 1130, a certain Jehan inhabited it. In 1210 Libert de Lexhy succeeds him and in 1250 warlord Miles of Jehain inhabits the castle. The next owner is Arnaould de Jehin - he is succeeded by the tyrant Wathieu d'Athin a demagogue from Luik. He is banished from Jehay in 1428 and all his possession are confiscated. The castle comes in the hands of Gerard Gossuin major of Luik. His daughter Agnes marries Quantin de Towin who is killed in the war between the Hoorns and de van der Marcks. Jehay becomes property through succession of Marguerite de la Falloise and later on of Jehan Homant de Sart. His daughter Jehanne marries in 1492 with Arnold de Merode. Their descendants stay for two centuries on the castle and gave the castle its current looks which date to 1550. Ferdinand Maximilien de Merode sells Jehay in 1680 to Francois de Gand-Vilain van de Steen, Baron of van Saive and major of Luik.

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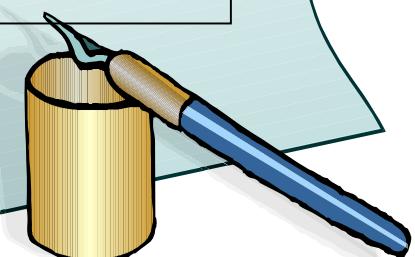
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Dear Members,



Nothing pleases me more than to have active participation from our members in putting Belgian Laces together!

THANK YOU to all those who sent articles and extraction work! This issue is truly a collaborative effort!

The January issue generated very interesting feedback which I hope you will find as interesting as I have. Look for a follow-up story by Paul Callens on Micheline Gaudette's find on the DELANOY family along with interesting facts on the Belgian Draft Horse.

I keep this picture of strength and determination in mind when I think of Guy Gallez and Kathleen Race's work on the Gargantuan task of organizing the 1870 US Census to identify the Belgian emigrants. They would greatly appreciate your help with their new project with the ship passenger lists published on Ancestry.com.

I have been extracting births, marriages and deaths from the village of St André (Liège) and will be adding these databases online at our Yahoogroups page. Remember that to access this page you need to register with Yahoo (FREE) and link your Yahoo ID with the groups. You can 'let the membership wizard' find your groups.

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*Take good care and again
THANK YOU to ALL who sent in
the articles that make Belgian
Laces #99! Hope you enjoy!*

Régine



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Just Published**« Pêle-Mêle de Perwez avant 1940 »**

Repro René Breny.

Collection of old pictures of Perwez.

Georges Pirson had the idea and shared it with his friend José Levaque. Together they visited 2 retirement homes and called on the memory of the resident.

This book is the result of their work: a book of high quality containing 64 post cards with legend – among which this one of the Grand-Place. The book « Pêle-Mêle de Perwez avant 1940 » can be found in any bookstore, at the cafeteria of the cultural center and in some stores

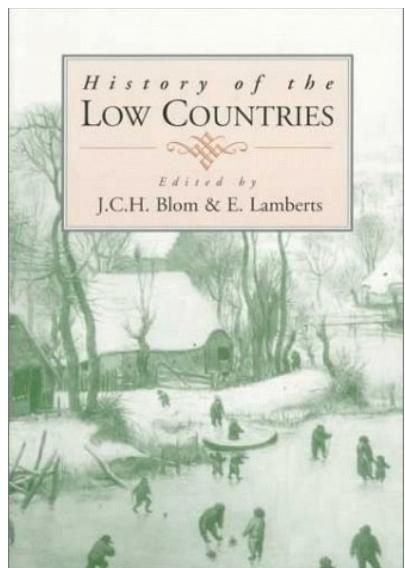
where it is selling like hotcakes for 10 euros and for the benefit of « Télévie 2004 ». Credited to David Bodart and his friends of the local committee.

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**History of the Low Countries**

by J. C. H. Blom (Editor), Emiel Lamberts (Editor), James C. Kennedy (Translator)



The history of the smaller European countries is rather neglected in the teaching of European history at university level. We are therefore pleased to announce the publication of the first comprehensive history of the Low Countries - in English - from Roman Times to the present. Remaining politically and culturally fragmented, with its inhabitants speaking Dutch, French, Frisian and German, the Low Countries offer a fascinating picture of European history en miniature. For historical reasons, parts of northern France and western Germany also have to be included in the Low Countries, a term that must remain both broad and fluid, a convenient label for a region which has seldom, if ever, composed a unified whole. In earlier ages it was even more difficult to give the region set parameters, again reflecting Europe as a whole, when tribes and kingdoms stretched across expanses not limited to the present states of Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands. Nevertheless, its parts did demonstrate many common traits and similar developments that differentiated them from surrounding countries and lent them a distinct character. Internationally, the region often served both as a mediator for and a buffer to the surrounding great powers, France, Britain, and Germany; an important role still played today as Belgium and the Netherlands have become increasingly involved in the broader process of European integration, in which they often share the same interest and follow parallel policies. This highly illustrated volume serves as an ideal introduction to the rich history of the Low Countries for students and the generally interested reader alike.

Belgians in the News

Jonatan on his way!

This year the French entry is really a European collaboration.

Jonatan Cerrada was born in Liège, Belgium of Spanish emigrants and so carries

a Spanish passport. He won the first French edition of "La Nouvelle Star" (The New Star) and has signed with BMG-France.

In Istanbul, on May 15, 2004, his song "A Chaque Pas" will represent France. He composed the lyrics himself, while the music was written by 2 British citizen, Ben "Jammin" Robbins (England) and Steve Balsamo (Wales).

It's a very powerful song!

For a sneak peek, go to

http://www.eurovisionfrance.com/news/index.php?id_news=121

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Justine Henin-Hardenne booked her place in the semifinals of the Pacific Life Open with a hard-fought 6-4, 7-5 victory over No. 12 seed Svetlana Kuznetsova. She will now meet fourth seed Anastasia Myskina for a place in Sunday's final after the Russian defeated former Wimbledon champion Conchita Martinez 7-6(2), 2-6, 6-3.

Henin-Hardenne, the World No. 1, extended her record to 20-1 for the year and gained revenge for her only loss in 2004 at the hands of Kuznetsova in Doha.

The Belgian, who had lost a total of just 14 games in her three matches en route to the quarterfinals, was given a much sterner test by the 18-year-old Russian.

The Belgian is attempting to win her fourth title of the year and first in Indian Wells.

http://www.pacificlifeopen.com/10/news/news3632_rx.asp



SPECIAL EVENTS: <http://www.visitbelgium.com/bxcal01.htm>

The Battle of the Bulge's 60th Anniversary Commemoration:
<http://www.visitbelgium.com/bepres13.htm>

Throughout 2004 the Bastogne region will commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge.

One of the many highlights will be the return of U.S. Veterans to Bastogne.

For the "Battle of the Ardennes" brochure contact the Belgian Tourist Office in New York: **Belgian Tourist Office**

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CASTLES OF BELGIUM

<http://www.destinationeurope.com/castles/> and <http://users.pandora.be/enchantingcastles/>

There are many chateaux in Belgium, which are worth seeing. These two sites will give you a really thorough tour by province. The ones listed below are but a few you will enjoy learning about.

The chateaux vary from huge castles, many started before the 11th century, and still looking massive and forbidding, to elegant French style chateaux with delicate lines and superb interior design.

For people who have been to the United Kingdom and seen castles there with their solid high square 'keep' and surrounding 'curtain walls' for example castles such as the Tower of London, Edinburgh Castle or Caernarvon Castle the early castles of Belgium will seem unusual. The same variations occur in France with the castles of Normandy being built in the same style as England (because of the conquest of England) while castles in the rest of France developed similar styles to the Low Countries.

It is only in the seventeenth century when the French influence was prominent throughout European architecture that we get the similar styles of palace/mansion/country house style, which became common to much of Europe as travel became more international.

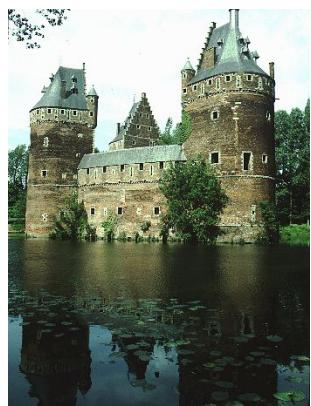
The creator of the first web page chose to take the visitor on a tour, which starts at Brussels and then continue round Belgium in a counter-clockwise direction.

Le Chateau de Beersel, a medieval stronghold built around 1300 and surrounded by a moat. It almost has the look of a 'Disney castle' with its pointed roofs. Its exterior is untouched and it is certainly one to photograph.

Le Chateau de Gaasbeek, also close to Brussels has ancient origins and has been the home to important families but was heavily restored in the 19th century and now owes its importance to the superb museum it contains.

Le Chateau de Grand-Bigard is best seen for its paintings from various schools and including works by Pieter and Jan Breugel and its collection of crucifixes, some dating back to Roman times!

Le Chateau de Corroy-le-Chateau. Built about 1220 it is very well preserved and the fact that it almost intact is a tribute to its builders. It has passed by inheritance to the Marquesses de Trazegnies who has retained the elegant 18th and 19th century interiors. Again one to photograph as well as visit.



Just outside Brussels, the castle at Beersel is an empty shell, but no less evocative of the violent era of its origins. It is surrounded by a moat, with a triangular shape and large defensive towers at each corner. The origins of the castle date to the twelfth century, although most of it was built in the fourteenth century. In 1300 the castle became the property of Godefroid de Hellebeek, and was inherited by his daughter, the wife of Henri de Stalle. The castle later passed by marriage successively to the Witthem, d'Arenberg, and Merode families. The castle was badly damaged in 1489 during the conflict between Maximilian and the towns. The Witthem family, then owners of the castle, supported Maximilian.

After 1544, the castle was no longer occupied, though it remained almost intact until the end of the 18th century. After 1818, it was used as a cotton factory. Several proposals were made to restore the castle, including one by Viollet-le-Duc. Although the building was constructed of brick, Viollet-le-Duc proposed rebuilding it in stone. This, fortunately, was not carried out, and the complex was donated to the League of the Friends of the castle of Beersel in 1928 by the Countess Guillaume de Henricourt de Grunne, née Merode. It was restored in a more limited manner after that date. In 1949 the Royal Association of Historic Residences in Belgium assumed care for the castle.



The origin of this well kept castle is situated somewhere in the 13th century. Its current look came about in 1270 when Philippe and Godfried of Vianden did alterations. Although it underwent several alterations throughout the centuries, it never lost its impressive solid looks.

The castle was never pillaged or destroyed. The Nassau family kept the castle for centuries. From 1400 to 1550 it was the family Nassau – Dillemburg and from 1540 until 1890 it was the family Nassau – Corroy who inhabited the castle. Count Joseph – Ignace did some restorations in 1718 and 1740. His granddaughter Amélie married with Marquis Gillion of Trazegnies. Since then the castle is property of the Trazegnies dynasty. With its seven towers the castle is really an impressive example of military engineering. Once you walk through the massive gatehouse you are entering a huge courtyard. There used to be a massive keep on the courtyard but unfortunately Count Joseph – Ignace pulled that down in the 18th century.

The chapel is one of the oldest in Belgium. It is situated in the canter tower and dates back to the 13th century. The dome is resting on neo gothic pillars.

Le Chateau de Rixensart is the first of the later style mansions and was begun in the 17th century by Charles de Gavre. He created a magnificent country house in red brick and white sandstone. It also has superb gardens.

On the road to Namur is one of the gems of 13th century architecture and one of the most spectacular castles in the Low Countries.

South of Brussels is one of the most important chateaux in **Le Chateau de Beloeil**, which has been home to the Princes of Ligne, one of the great European families, for over six centuries.

Built high on a rock above the valley of the Orneau is **Le Chateau de Miromont**, everyone's idea of a continental medieval castle. The interior was restored in the 17th century with superb living rooms but in the 19th century the owners turned it into a history museum, filling it with portraits of monarchs and paintings depicting the history of the Low Countries. From the house one overlooks its majestic formal gardens.

Before reaching Namur one has an important stop in **Le Chateau de Annevoie** where the French formal gardens and house are as elegant as anything seen in France. This house and garden have a special page in the gardens section.



The castle of Veves near Dinant was the home of the Lords of Beaufort. It possesses a dramatic site above its village.

The castle is much restored, including the towers. The interior features a handsome half-timbered courtyard from the seventeenth century.

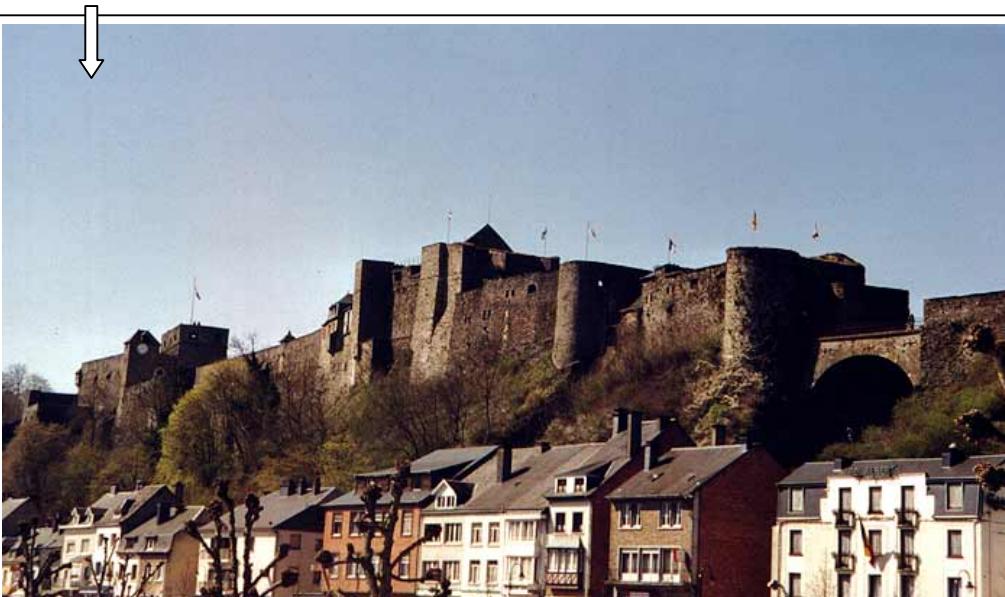
Another of the 'fairy tale' castles is **Le Chateau de Veves**. Perched on a rocky outcrop it was built in 1410 and although various alterations have been made none of them spoil the overall effect. The way it dominates two valleys shows how important the strategic position of a castle was in the warlike Middle Ages.

Although famous in its own right as a 'stately home' in the classical French style **Le Chateau de Modave** is also well known for its beautiful Catholic chapel where many weddings are held each year, particularly for Japanese couples who find it much cheaper than marrying in Japan!

Continuing the sweep we come to **Le Chateau de Reinhardstein** built in the Warche valley in Ardennes-Eifel it is a superb feudal stronghold and was the home of the Metternich family for many years. The area has another claim to fame as it is close to Malmedy, famous for its association with the Battle of the Bulge.

When stopping at Liege a visit to **Le Chateau de Jehay** (see cover page) is essential.

Le Chateau de Bouillon a medieval stronghold fulfills every tenet of military engineering. It is built on a rocky spur overlooking the Semois river and oozes strength and majesty in every line. Throughout its history it has been an important fortress in the power struggle in the Low Countries.



Godfried the son of the Count of Boulogne and Ide van Ardenne was one of the safe keepers of this enormous stronghold. However he did not stay there very often. He sold the castle in 1069 to Otbert Bishop of Luik to finance the first crusade.

While visiting the fortified Castle of Bouillon you will discover the most ancient and the most interesting stronghold of the Belgium feudalism. Today, its appearance is mostly due to constructions that were done from the XVI century until the Dutch era. The Fortified Castle is made of three parts, which are linked together with bridges.

In the old days The Duke's dwelling overlooked the main courtyard. The room of Godefroid of Bouillon is partially cut in the rock in the XIII century and is covered with an arch in the shape of a crib. There you'll find a scene of mannequins depicting the departure of the first crusade. Once inside the main courtyard, you'll find that a scrap of wall is all what's left of the old medieval keep. Climbing up the Austrian tower (1551) at the end of the guard walk you will enjoy the most magnificent view of the fortifications as well as the one of the town including the twists and turns of the river Semois.

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Follow-Up on the DELANOY Family

By Paul CALLENS, pin18290@planetinternet.be

In July 1996 I contacted Brother Alfons, a Trappist Monk. I was looking for information on some brothers of his Order who left for Tracadie between 1857 and 1863. Tracadie is close to St. Georges Bay at Nova Scotia, Canada. It is a little east of Antigonish and little north-west of Mulgrave.

Brother Alfons was born in Egem, nowadays a subdivision of Pittem. His father was "Hengtenboer".

In one of his following letters Brother Alfons sent me a copy of some information on his uncle Hector (DELANOY). He got this information from a cousin in Canada. The father of Brother Alfons and Hector worked together shipping horses to America. One looked in Belgium while the other already lived in America. It was mentioned that the family had lived in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

To make a long story short, after a while I found where the book the copies came from was published.

I was even able to find a copy of that book: "**Radville – Laurier : The Yesteryears**", published by the Radville Laurier Historical Society in 1983, 938 pages.

In the information that Brother Alfons sent me, there was a chapter entitled "**Hector Delanoy Family in the Province of Manitoba**" by Sister M. Benedicte Delanoy. This story was the base of what is in the Radville book. One picture Sister M. Benedicte also sent was "*One of Dad's imported Belgian Horses purchased from our Uncle, Alphonse Vanden Broucke*".

It would lead me too far to give all the information on the family but the story of Hector Delanoy and the Titanic was also in the article.

Below I give a short report on the family from the information but first I mention a book on Belgian horses :
Telleen, Maurice B. : "**A Century of Belgian Horses in America**", Ed. Draft Hors Journal, Waverly, Iowa, 1991, 489 p..
This book gives a view on Belgian Horses in America as the title already shows.

In the notes of Sister M. Benedicte there is also a note on the cemetery where Hector Delanoy was laid to rest.

The article names "**Cemeteries updated**", reference Lacadia Community Club, Radville, Saskatchewan.

Some Belgian names mentioned : Leon NIMEGEERS, Francis DeVREESE, Robert VERBEURGT, Baby DeROOSE, Raymond NIMEGEERS, Alice VERBEURGT, Firmin EECKHOUT, Oscar EECKHOUT, Douglas VERBEURGT, Alice VanDeBOSSCHE, Hermanie SCHEPPENS, Oscar VanDenBOSSCHE, Marie DELANOV, Hector DELANOV. As this is a kind of update there must be a previous list but till now I did not look for that in detail.



The Hector Delanoy family.

Hector DELANOV started to import Belgian horses in 1909. He crossed the ocean 13 times, on 5 of this crossings he imported the horses.

Several places are mentioned where these animals were brought to:

- Norfolk, Nebraska;
- Deloraine, Manitoba;
- Estevan, Saskatchewan;
- Brandon and St. Amelie, Manitoba.

In 1913 the family moved to St. Amelie, Manitoba where they farmed for 15 years.

After the first war there was a big shortage of horses in Belgium.

In 1924 the Belgian family, who was in the horse business, suggested that importation could be resumed.

Six stallions were imported in 1925. These horses were at Brandon and

Regina fairs. Some of the horses was sold in Elie, Manitoba and the other traveled around at Laurier, St. Rose and St. Amelie. In 1928 Hector bought the farm of Mr. Roberts of Weyburn.

In September 1902, **Hector DELANOV** of Hooglede, was married to **Marie Van EXEM** of Merkem.

They had 6 children :

1. **Georges DELANOV** (b. Hooglede, Belgium 6 July 1903 – d. Regina, Saskatchewan 4 October 1972, buried Laurier Cemetery), married 1934 Blandine **DESCHAMBAULT**

They have 7 children :

- a. Norman, married Karen HOLMES, Denver, Colorado, later Weyburn, Saskatchewan. They have 2 children:
 - a. Gregory
 - b. Gabrielle.
- b. Eva, married Ray BRECHT, Regina, Saskatchewan. They have 4 children:
 - a. Maureen,
 - b. Carolyn,
 - c. Robert,
 - d. Michelle.
- c. Marcel, Vancouver, British Columbia.
- d. Laurent, x Blanche POTTLE, Lloydminster, Alberta and later Rainbow Lake, Alberta. They have 3 children:
 - a. Barry,
 - b. Joanne,
 - c. Karen.
- e. Adele, x Wilfred NIMEGEERS, Foam Lake, Saskatchewan and later Ralph, Saskatchewan. They have 3 children:
 - a. Laura Lee,
 - b. Coleen,
 - c. Susan.
- f. Judy, x Tom McFARLANE, Kenora, Ontario. They have one child:
 - a. Craig.
- g. Danny, Maclin, Saskatchewan and later Radville, Saskatchewan.

2. Germaine DELANOY died in infancy (at age of 10 months).

3. Marcel DELANOY died at the age of 13 years on 22 December 1920.

4. Jules DELANOY (b. Hooglede, Belgium 18 December 1907 – d. 5 February 1986), married 1947 Irene VERHELST of Deerlijk, Belgium. They have 3 children :

- a. Leon, missionary in Dominican Republic
- b. Guy, Aylmer, Quebec
- c. Luc, married Susan GREENAWAY of Winnipeg. He works for city of Saskatoon. 1 daughter Bryn.

5. Germaine DELANOY, now known as Sister Mary Benedict, R.N.D.M. in Winnipeg. Perpetual Vows on 26 July 1937.

6. Gerard DELANOY, b. St. Rose du Lac, Manitoba in 1915, married Jeanne BOURASSA in Radville, 1944. They had 7 children :

- a. Gilbert, married Marilyn MacPHERSON, Calgary, Alberta, 2 daughters.
- b. Roland, married Barbara BUCKNER, Saskatchewan, 1 son and 1 daughter
- c. Robert, married Dianna LACAILLE, High River, Alberta, 2 sons and 1 daughter.
- d. Armand, married Darlene HOFFARD, Tisdale, Saskatchewan, 1 son and 1 daughter
- e. Maurice, Prince Albert.
- f. Louis, married Shirley HOFFARD, near Ceylon, Saskatchewan, 1 son.
- g. Yvette Rosanne.

I hope this answers the question of what happened with Hector's family.

Some notes on the family in Belgium (from : *Valère Arickx : "Geschiedenis van Egem"*, part II, 1982):

Alfons (Alphonse) VAN DEN BROUCKE, b. Wielsbeke 6 september 1880, d. Aalst 21 January 1935. He married at Hooglede on 13 October 1913 to Valeria Maria **de Lanoy** (sic!). She was born at Hooglede on 20 december 1885 and died at Egem on 21 March 1944.

Children :

1. Alfonsine, b. 1914, married Jozef LABEEUW.
2. Albert, b. 1915, married Maria Van TIEGHEM
3. Valère, b. 1916, Father Fidentianus O.F.M. Cap. in Pakistan.
4. André, b. 1917, married Magdalena EECKHOUT. Both died in a car crash in 1980.
5. Yvonne, b. 1919, married Armand OLIVIER.
6. Germain, b. 1920, Fr. Alfons, cistercian.
7. Joris, b. 1922, married Lucienne DUBAERE.
8. Gilbert, b. 1928, married Simonne COUILLIE.
9. Willy, b. 1930, Father Henricus, O.F.M. Cap. in Pakistan.

In "Amerikaanse Zantingen", 374 pages, Paul CALLENS already gave some information on the sources mentioned above.

This book contains all kinds of information on Belgians in America.

It is still available at :

Paul Callens, Waterstraat 18, 8740 Pittem, Belgium.

Cost : 15 Euro + Shipping.

Let's say it easy if you send 23 US\$ cash he will send the booklet.

All further information, such as death memorial cards and newspaper clippings from Belgians who died up in the US or Canada are welcome (copies are ok) and can be used for on of the next Death Memorial Card Books.

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The Belgian Draft Horse: History and Origin of the Breed

<http://www.imh.org/imh/bw/bel.html#hist>

submitted by Len Knotts



History shows that Belgians are direct lineal descendants of the "Great Horse" of medieval times.

The Belgian, as the name implies, is native to the country of Belgium. This little country is blessed with fertile soil and abundant rainfall, providing the thrifty farmers of Belgium with the excellent pastures and the hay and grain necessary to develop a heavy, powerful breed of horse.

Belgium lies in the very center of that area of Western Europe that gave rise to the large black horses known as Flemish horses and referred to as the "Great Horses" by medieval writers. They are the horses that carried armored knights into battle. Such horses were known to exist in that part of Europe in the time of Caesar. They provided the genetic material from which nearly all the modern draft breeds are fashioned.

Stallions from Belgium were exported to many other parts of Europe as the need to produce larger animals of draft type for

industrial and farm use was recognized. There was no need to import into Belgium for she was the "mother lode." It remained only for this ancestral home of the "Great Horse," by whatever name, to refine and fix the type of the genetic material she already had at hand.

The government of Belgium played a very energetic role in doing just that. A system of district shows culminating in the great National Show in Brussels was established to serve as an international showcase for the breed. The prizes were generous. Also, inspection committees for stallions standing for public service were established.

The result was a rapid improvement into a fixed breed type as the draft horses of Belgium became regarded as a national heritage and, quite figuratively, a treasure. In 1891, for example, Belgium exported stallions for use in the government stables of Russia, Italy, Germany, France, and the old Austria-Hungary Empire. The movement of horses out of Belgium for breeding purposes was tremendous in scope and financially rewarding for her breeders' decade after decade.

The American Association was officially founded in February of 1887 in Wabash, Indiana where the breed offices still remain. It was slow going for the Belgian until after the turn of the century. In terms of promotion the Percheron, Clydesdale, and Shire all enjoyed a substantial head start in the US.

In 1903 the government of Belgium sent an exhibit of horses to the St. Louis World's Fair and International Livestock Exposition in Chicago. While this effort was attended by plenty of controversy over which type of horse best suited Americans, it also generated a great deal of interest in the breed.

From that point forward the breed's acceptance grew steadily. Nearly every major importer in the country included Belgians in their offering. In terms of importing seed stock and establishing new breeders it was none too soon, for the onset of World War I in 1914 brought all importation's to a halt.

Suddenly, American Belgian breeders were on their own. Fortunately, they had plenty of the "right kind" with which to develop their own style of Belgian horse.

It was during the draft horse decline in the 20's that the Belgian moved into a very solid number two position in this country. Thus, it should not be surprising to know that during the 20's there was a resumption of importing from Belgium on a small scale. With the dramatic upturn in draft horse fortunes in the mid-30's, the importation of horses from Belgium again assumed major proportions for a few years. The last imported Belgian was purchased by E.F. Dygert, an Iowa importer, and landed in New York on January 15, 1940. This was just four months after World War II had started and four months before the German invasion of Belgium.

It was about that time that a number of things conspired to nearly end draft horse breeding of any kind. The labor shortage of World War II, the introduction of small, rubber-tired row-crop tractors, and the tremendous push for mechanization in the wake of World War II, put all draft breeds under severe pressure. The decline of interest in draft horse breeding was precipitous and obituary notices were a dime a dozen. The number of annual registrations even dropped under the 200 mark for a couple of years during the early 50's.

Then slowly, almost imperceptibly at first, the return of the draft horse got underway. As the price of horses recovered so did the breeding. Registrations and transfers made slow but steady gains until in 1980 they surpassed the all time high set in 1937.

An average for the next five years was over 4000 registrations and close to 6000 transfers ... easily the greatest five-year period in the breed's history.

The Resurgence of the Draft Horse

In the US today, there are more Belgians than all other draft breeds combined. Looking at the following reasons will explain the resurgence in draft horse fortunes, and the reasons for the remarkable success of the Belgian in particular.

1. A growing ecological awareness that some of the tools and methods of modern agriculture were destructive, causing many to seek alternatives, among which is the draft horse as a source of power
2. An economic crunch that makes home grown power, that runs on home grown fuel, which in turn enriches the soil in the form of manure, reproduces itself plus provides a surplus for sale, and appreciates rather than depreciates for the first half of its life, look better and better.
3. Their beauty. The draft horse at his best is a spectacular beast. Once booted out at some fairs for being behind the times, they are now welcomed back as crowd pleasers. More increasingly big commercial firms are also looking to the Belgian hitch as an advertising vehicle.
4. Nostalgia plays a role, albeit a minor one. Increasing numbers of horse-minded people are finding their pleasure horse in the form of a team of Belgians. Their good disposition and willingness to work make them great favorites on some of the small part-time "sundowner and weekender" type farms that continue to increase in number.

Why the Belgian Success

Many of the breeds first imports were roundly criticized for being too thick, too low headed, straight shouldered, and round boned. There was even an expression for it..."the Dutchman's type." But even with his faults, those early Belgians made friends because they were easy keepers and willing workers with amiable dispositions. The American farmer decided that the breeds' assets far outweighed its faults and set out to retain what was right and remedy what was wrong in the breed.

The success of that effort has been one of the great success stories in animal breeding. Today's Belgian is a big, powerful fellow that retains the drafty middle, a deep, strong foot, a lot of bone, the heavy muscling and amiable disposition possessed by the early Belgians. His qualities as an easy keeper, a good shipper, and a willing worker are intact.

The changes made by American breeders have developed a horse with far more style, particular in the head and neck, with more slope to both shoulder and pastern, and the good clean, flat bone that goes hand in hand with such qualities.

The modern Belgian is still a great worker, and has become an excellent wagon horse. The fact that the Belgians are equally effective in pulling competition as in a hitch competition says much for the breed.

Along with these changes in conformation has come a color change. The original imports came in many color coats with a predominance of bay. There were also roans, chestnut-sorrels and even a few grays. There was no particular color at the onset.

When the breed hits its stride in the 20's and 30's the colors had well become the "sorrels and roans." Now there are few roans and even an odd bay, but for all practical purposes, it is a chestnut-sorrel breed today. This has long been the preferred color by Americans...the Cadillac of colors being a red sorrel team with white mane and tail, with a white stripe in the face and four white socks. This is the ultimate in draft horse style.

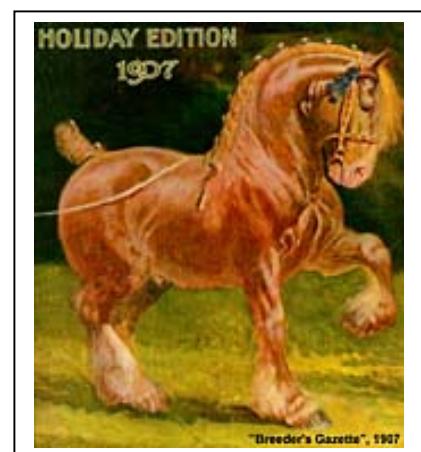
The fact that Belgians are by far the most numerous of all draft breeds in this country, plus the fact that they are much a one-color breed, makes it easier to mate a horse when needed and offers owners a much bigger market when they wish to sell.

Breed Characteristics

The Belgian usually exceeds 16 hands in height and very often exceeds 18 hands. It is a docile horse and a willing worker. The American Belgian has a relatively large head and short, feathered, muscular legs and large quarters. The feet are large and have minimum feather. In America, its color is usually chestnut or roan with white or blonde mane, tail and points. Its weight averages between 1800 and 2000 pounds; some stallions reach 2400.

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Birth Records Strepy-Bracquegnies, Province of Hainaut: 1900 (part 1)

Extracted by Gene Jenkins

Every attempt has been made to ensure the accuracy of spelling of the names on this extraction. However because the original documents are written in various handwritings and clearly some mistakes may have occurred.

Name	Birth	Father	Mother
Maurice Gustave Soupart	2-Jan	Constant Jean Baptiste Soupart	Flore Marie Francoise Decroyere
Claire Sophie Josephine Olivier	3-Jan	Omer Leon Olivier	Laure Desiree Quertinmont
Alexandre Hermans	4-Jan		Elise Herman
Marie Zelie Duez	7-Jan	Octave Joseph Duez	Zelie Gandibleux
Martha Julia Mayaux	7-Jan	Vital Mayaux	Aimee Poulet
Alexandre Denis Carpentier	8-Jan		Damyre Carpentier
Henri Badin	10-Jan	Fernand Badin	Marie Louise Dubois
Lydie Desiree Leopoldine Dainville	Oct. 1878	Noel Dainville	Augustine Joseph Blick (recorded Jan. 10)
Maurice Hubert Roger	11-Jan	Jean Baptiste Hubert Roger	Pauline Guichart
Alexandre Gustave Brion	12-Jan	Alexandre Brion	Virginie Vanacolejen
Augusta Zoe Lhoir	12-Jan	Francois Lhoir	Charlotte Stievenart
Juliete Hermine Vandeneuker	15-Jan	Louis Vandeneuker	Alice Marie Gilmont
Paula Leone Mersin	17-Jan	Albert Mersin	Julie Marie Alphonsine Michez
Armand Joseph Alfred Bauduin	19-Jan	Godfried Bauduin	Catherine Julia Wauthier
Emile Bodson	25-Jan	Aime Bodson	Marie Catherine Delval
Alphonse Marie Beauquenne	27-Jan	Gustave Alphone Beauquenne	Adele Desiree Vandeneucker
Auguste Coppee	29-Jan	Augustin Coppee	Louise Augustine Gailly
Marguerite Louise Harvent	4-Feb	Fermand Francois Harvent	Hermanie Urbain
Louisa Sophie Albertine Guerez	5-Feb	Alphonse Desire Joseph Guerez	Marie Landmanne
Hermine Leontine Mouton	5-Feb	Leon Charles Mouton	Augustine , dite Florine Coppin
Edouard Philippe Florent Vanderwalle	6-Feb	Gregoire Vanderwalle	Jeanne Felicie Tieriet
Victor Desire Catz	7-Feb	Benoit Catz	Sidonie Florine Caudren
Pierre Joseph Jean Dehu	8-Feb	Gustave Dehu	Charlotte Raulier
Jean Hannecart	8-Feb	Andre Hannecart	Marie Therese Heymans
Victor Joseph Theraces	9-Feb	Jules Theraces	Elise Marie Gaillez
Gedeon Oscar Noyelle	11-Feb	Oscar Edmond Noyelle	Augstine Adolphine Ruelle
Rodolphe Limbourg	14-Feb	Georges Limbourg	Julia Hortense Vanvellinghen
Denise Leopoldine Mayeur	19-Feb	Emile Pierre Joseph Mayeur	Juliette Adolphine Gailly
Emile Cantiniau	21-Feb	Augustin Cantiniau	Mathilde Delhaye
Alfred Auguste Gauchie	22-Feb	Camille Victor Gauchie	Adele Augustine Lansmanne
Jules Francois Hoyaux	22-Feb	Francois Hoyaux	Aimee Aubry
Edgard Victorien Delhaye	23-Feb	Jules Charles Delhaye	Julie Francoise Permez
Julia Marchand	27-Feb	Theodore Nicolas	Marchand Zoe Rossart
Vincent Maurice Dubois	2-Mar		Flavie Dubois
Francois Desire Overtus	3-Mar	Desire Overtus	Philomne Zelie Durant
Bertha Anna Evrard	3-Mar	Eugene Evrard	Edelphine Malengut
Victoria Adolphine Andre	5-Mar	Joseph Andre	Julia Olivier
Edmond Marcel Blicq	6-Mar	Adilon Joseph Blicq	Juliette Herman
Valerie Augustine Marie Tantot	16-Mar	Auguste Jules Tantot	Marie Mathilde Mainil
Raymond Emile Bombaert	16-Mar	Emile Joseph Bombaert	Justine Macart
Eugene Jules Deltenre	19-Mar	Jules Deltenre	Eugenie Harvent
Auguste Joseph Musin	19-Mar	Francois Joseph Musin	Floudie Marie Capianmont
Paul Desire Florent Waterloo	21-Mar	Paul Joseph Waterloo	Jeanne Sione Desiree Vray(?)
Noel Fernand Vanquelef	21-Mar	Charles Vanquelef	Marie Adele Hoyas
Leona Hoyas	23-Mar	Fernand Hoyas	Adeline Virginie Seaphine Therau

Henri Fernand Mainil	24-Mar	Fernand Joseph Mainil	Rosine Alexandrine Wastiau
Julia Albertine Desprets	24-Mar	Zoe Desprets	
Augusta Victoria DeBille	24-Mar	Joseph DeBille	Ferdinende Augustine Mayaur
Leon Aime Ernaelestiene	26-Mar	Telesphore Ernaelestiene	Malvina Ernaelestiene
Louisa Marie Claus	28-Mar	Oscar Alphonse Claus	Eugenie Louisa Caulier
Jean Auguste Joseph Victor Coffe	31-Mar	Desire Henri Joseph Coffe	Victorine Josephine Gravez
Georgetee Alix Dubois	2-Apr	Desire Dubois	Charlotte Leonie Beve
Victorine Florine Leontine Ergot	3-Apr	Oswald Ergot	Victorine Catherine Staquet
Georges Limbourg	Dec. 31, 1875	Augustin Toussaint	Caroline Limbourg (recorded Apr. 3)
Robert Adolphe Celestin Toussaint	6-Apr	Leon Arthur Toussaint	Adele Pauline Lhoute
Oscar Francois Durand	9-Apr	Henri Durand	Victorine Hotome
Simonne Marie Adolphine Misonne	9-Apr	Alexandre Victor Joseph Misonne	Julia Aimee Groleau
Juliette Clemire Urbain	11-Apr	Charles Urbain	Helene Adeline Gaillez
Albert Adolphe Decroyere	1-Apr	Jean Baptiste Adolphe Decroyere	Maria Emilia Cordier
Emilie Louisa Guillaume	19-Apr	Louis Philippe Guillaume	Pauline Griffon
Anna Bran	19-Apr	Louis Joseph Bran	Augustine Duriau
Herman Van Maercke	26-Apr	Alois Van Maercke	Eugenie Maria Louisa Standaert
Paul Henri Delcourt	26-Apr	Jules Joseph Delcourt	Elisa Maria Baudewin
Edgard Auguste Gustave Bos	26-Apr	Jules Bos	Marie Therese Debauque
Aimable Demarez	30-Apr	Desire Demarez	Rosalie Nathalie Harvent
Elise Julia Bilttereyst	5-May	Isidore Auguste Bilttereyst	Celine Marie Halimes
Victor Delattre	6-May	Thomas Delattre	Julia Felicie Begnvert
Gaspard Jean-Baptiste Duriau	7-May	Hippolyte Samuel Duriau	Odile Louise Ghislain
Maruice Jean-Baptiste Sirjacq	7-May		Josephine Sirjacq
Jean Alexis Louis Ghislain Pestiaux	10-May	Gustave Joseph Gishlain Pestiaux	Stephanie Jacobs
Athilde Alphosine Desprechins	10-May	Cleon Alfred Desprechins	Elisa Seraphine Letouche
Andre Leon Bouyer	11-May	Jean-Baptiste Bouyer	Nathalie Nalegre
Leopoldine Charlotte Duquene	11-May	Leopold Duquene	Marie Francoise Beuduin
Edgard Augustin Frederica	14-May	Emile Henri Ghislain	Frederica Leontine Dochez
Palmyre Percenaire	16-May	Alfred Percenaire	Augustine Florine Banduin
Olga Ghislaine Drugmand	18-May	Desire Drugmand	Marie Constance Merliere
Ivonne Ernestine Lucienne Philippe	18-May	Ernest Joseph Ghislain Philippe	Delphine Celeste Andre
Julis Gustavine Gauthier	19-May	Jules Joseph Gauthier	Marie Caliste Carpentier
Louise Georgette Cosmans	21-May	Camille Cosmans	Leon Marie Fondu
Marie Louise Miot	22-May	Eugene Miot	Clemense Pesse
Robert Ghislain Desire Renard	23-May	Leon Desire Renard	Alice Dumonceau
Eugene Harvent	26-May	Louis Harvent	Adele Angelique Marlieu
Marie Antonette Evelina Hubert	26-May	Francois Hubert	Heloise Dumont
Maurice Henry	30-May	Ephram Henry	Laurenne Lair
Edgard Duriau	2-Jun	Joseph Duriau	Apoline Louise Sebret
Juliette Augusta Bouvier	7-Jun	Jules Leon Bouvier	Florine Seraphine Staquet
Nicolas Aimable Dufour	11-Jun	Oscar Dufour	Josephine Rosalie Jamez
Desire Clovis Harvengt	11-Jun	Clovis Joseph Harvengt	Jolima, dite Jorina Bouchez
Leon Cubat	11-Jun	Gustave Joseph Cubat	Maria Louise Dainville
Maurice Fernand Laurent	12-Jun	Francois Clement Laurent	Marie Philippe Tierce
Floret Leopold Laurent	12-Jun	Desire Constant Laurent	Aeline Charlotte Duriau
Marie Jeanne Collinez	14-Jun	Nestor Collinez	Marie Louie Josephine Bran
Oswald Deltenre	14-Jun	Emile Louis Deltenre	Lydie Augustine Harvent
Laure Mayaux	14-Jun	Jean Baptiste Mayaux	Zoe Flament
Angele Josephine Dumnt	16-Jun	Francois Joseph Dumont	Marie Flore Wastiau
Alphonsine Emilie Verset	20-Jun	Omer Verswet	Adele Greuse
Gustave Fernad Marotte	21-Jun	Arthur Ferdinand Marotte	Mathilde Catherine Mayois
Victor Delattre	21-Jun	Charles Jean Baptiste Delattre	Josephine Virginie Dequantier
Jean Baptiste Emile Liebin	25-Jun	Andre Augustin Liebin	Josephine Julia Bauduin
Augustin Adolphe Wanekem	29-Jun	Fermin Adolphe Wanekem	Maria Augustine Planque

Pennsylvania and West Virginia Obituaries

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March 29, 1902 McDonald PA Outlook

Jos. MASQUELIER, aged 59 years, and for sixteen years a highly respected resident of McDonald, died Wednesday at noon at his home on Valley street extension. Saturday he worked in the mine, and a few minutes after he returned, suffered a stroke of paralysis from which he never rallied. He leaves a wife and three children-Joseph, Mary and Adaline, all the children being married. Funeral services this Friday at 4 o'clock, interment at Arlington.

Mrs. Mathile Isabella THILMONT, aged 73 years, wife of **Martin J. THILMONT** died at her home at Cecil on Thursday March 8, 1917, following an illness of several months. Since October she had been suffering from pneumonia, which finally developed into heart trouble and caused her death.

Mrs. THILMONT was born in Charleroi province, Belgium, and came to America thirty-four years ago, locating immediately in the McDonald section. Besides the husband, the following sons and daughters survive: Nestor THILMONT, at home, Leon THILMONT of Donora, Mrs. Fred DHAYER of Midway, Mrs. Amanda PHILLIPS and Mrs. Josephine CHEESBROUGH of McDonald; Mrs. Mary HALLETT of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Dolphine MILLER of Pittsburgh. She also leaves nineteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Short funeral services were held at the THILMONT home on Sunday afternoon.

Interment was in Robinson's Run cemetery. Services at the cemetery were conducted by the Rev. W. D. IRONS, D. D.

Charles L. HAINAUT, aged 53 years, died at his home at Sturgeon on Wednesday afternoon, March 14, 1917, after an illness of dropsy. He was born in Belgium and came to this country many years ago. He had resided in this locality about twenty-five years and was a coal miner by occupation.

He is survived by his wife. The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon in charge of the Franco-Belgian Club of Sturgeon. Interment was in Robinson's Run cemetery.

Aug. 4, 1917 McDonald PA Outlook

Gregory SCHAYES was killed Thursday, July 26, at 1:16 o'clock, in the Jumbo mine, now known as Montour No. 1, of the Pittsburg Coal company. He was working in a main entry with his brother Arthur SCHAYES, when a fall of slate caught him and crushed out his life.

Mr. SCHAYES was a well-known and respected mineworker and lived out Valley street. He was born near Charleroi, Belgium, September 12, 1864, and came to this country when a young man. He was united in marriage with Miss Camille CARLEY and to this union five children were born, three of home

Are still living. They are: Mrs. Wendell P. STAMPMFLY, Fanny street, and George and Telesphore at home. Mrs. SCHAYES survives; also his aged mother who resides at Sturgeon and four brothers and sisters: Arthur SCHAYES of McDonald, Eli J. SCHAYES of Sturgeon, Mrs. Adolph PLETINICKS and Mrs. Xavier LORENT of the Monongahela Valley.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in the French church of McDonald.

HOYAUX, Emile 12-12-1929 McDonald PA Outlook

Death Claims Highly Esteemed Citizen Here

Mr. Emile HOYAUX, Sr., aged 74 years, died in the Mercy hospital, Pittsburgh Monday evening, December 9, at 10:15 o'clock. Mr. HOYAUX fell on a walk at his home Wednesday of last week, breaking a hipbone and sustained internal injuries. He was rushed to the hospital but his condition gradually grew worse. Mr. HOYAUX was one of McDonald's most highly respected citizens and was esteemed by all who knew him. For twenty-five years he was janitor of the school buildings here and his interest and friendliness towards the children won for him many friends. He retired seven years ago and be of his failing eyesight, has been inactive. Mr. HOYAUX was born in Thuine, Belgium, March 26, 1855 and came to this country thirty years ago. He was married in the year 1891. Mr. HOYAUX was one of a family of eleven children; the remaining ten brothers and sisters are all living in Belgium. Besides his wife, he is survived by one son, Emile Hubert HOYAUX, a violinist of note, who has been visiting at the home of his parents the past month.

Funeral services were held in the French church Thursday afternoon at 2o' clock, in charge of the Rev. Auguste DEVOS, assisted by the Rev. B. F. HEANY. Interment was in the Robinson's Run cemetery.

Mrs. Octavia BRONEAUX BLEUMONT, 72, died at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, March 5, 1938, in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jules Z. MASQUELIER, 424 Valley street, McDonald, of a paralytic stroke. She had been ill the past six years. She was born February 27, 1866, in Belgium. She and Alexander BLEUMONT were married in 1885 in Belgium and came to the United States 50 years ago, first locating in Fannie street extension, McDonald. He died June 15, 1923.

Mrs. BLUERMONT (sic) was a member of the Irons Memorial French U. P. church.

She is survived by four daughters: Mary, the wife of Jules Z. MASQUELIER of Valley street, McDonald, in whose home she died; Maria, the wife of Fernal SUPPLIT of Wilkinsburg; Nettie, the wife of John STEINHEISER of Fannie street extension,

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McDonald; and Josephine, the wife of T. G. SCHAYES of Vinita, Okla., and one sister, Hortense, the wife of F. DINDAL of Charleroi. There are ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in the MASQUELIER home conducted by the Rev. Alexandre MAGE, D. D., pastor of the Irons Memorial French U. P. church. Burial was in the Hilldale cemetery.

Mrs. Mary SOUFFRANT CARLY, 62, widow of **Fortney CARLY**, died at 2:20 p.m.

Thursday, March 5, 1942, in her home on the Noblestown road at Sturgeon, after an illness of only a few hours.

A daughter of Mrs. Mary WAUTHIER SOUFFRANT of Sturgeon and the late Alexander SOUFFRANT, she was born September 23, 1879, in Belgium. Coming to the United States at an early age, Mrs. CARLY had been a resident of Sturgeon the past 45 years.

Besides her mother, she is survived by one son, August CARLY at home; three brothers; August SOUFFRANT, Jules SOUFFRANT, and Firmin SOUFFRANT, all of Sturgeon; two sisters, Mrs. John (Augusta) PUSKAR of Columbus, Ohio, and Mrs. William (Phoebe) RENNEKAMP of McKees Rocks. There are two grandchildren. Mr. CARLY died in 1929.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in the CARLY home, conducted by the Rev. Father ERKINS, pastor of St. Patrick's church, Noblestown. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery.

Frank LEONARD, 78, died at 12:20 a.m. Wednesday, May 5, 1943, in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jules E. MASQUELIER, 205 Valley street, McDonald, following a brief illness of pneumonia.

A son of Theodore and Philomene BURRY LEONARD, he was born November 21, 1864, in Charleroi, Belgium. He and Maria CENIS were married 53 years ago in Belgium, and came to the United States with their family in 1900, locating in McDonald. He is survived by one daughter, Helen, the wife of Jules E. MASQUELIER, and five grandchildren; Colletta LEONARD, and Aline, Morris, Leonard and Jack MASQUELIER. A daughter, Yvonne, died in infancy and a son, Herman, died October 19, 1942.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 this Friday in the MASQUELIER home, conducted by the Rev. Grant M. MCKNIGHT, D. D., pastor of the Robinson's Run church, McDonald. Burial will be in Hilldale cemetery.

Mrs. L (looks like Lennie) GILLARD, 92, widow of **Calixte GILLARD**, died Sunday, May 9, 1943, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. DUCARME, R. D. 2, Canonsburg, where she had made her home for 12 years, following the death of her husband. She was born in Belgium, and had resided in McDonald for 50 years prior to her husband's death. Mrs. GILLARD had no living relatives. The funeral was May 12 from Rogers' funeral home, McDonald. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery.

Mrs. Helen FOUNTAIN RANDOUR, 61, of Coal street, McDonald, died Friday, June 4, 1943, while en route to the hospital. A daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. **Enis FOUNTAIN**, she was born in 1882 in Belgium and came to the United States with her parents in 1888. The greater part of her life was spent in McDonald.

She is survived by her husband, Abel RANDOUR; two daughters; Mrs. Blanche ALFRED and Mrs. George MOORE, both of McDonald; one son, Arthur RANDOUR of McDonald; six sisters: Mrs. Harry DUBOIS, Mrs. Alex POSKIN, Mrs. William POUNDS, Mrs. Charles AMIC, and Mrs. Mary AMIC, all of McDonald and Mrs. Constantine WILLIAMSON of Carnegie; two brothers: Alex FOUNTAIN and Mark DENNY, both of McDonald. There are 12 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, June 7, in the McDonald Methodist church, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Frank T. JAMES. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery.

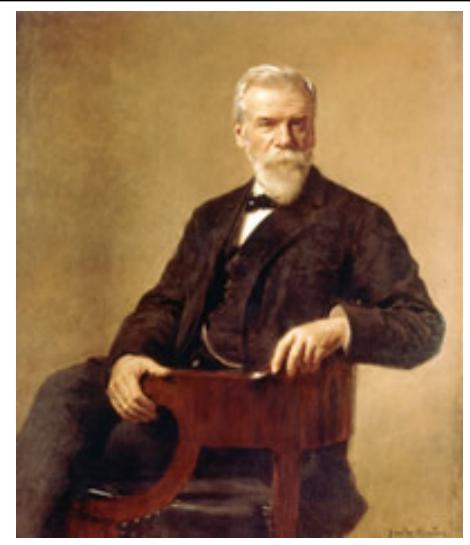
Emile BONTINK, 67, of Sturgeon died suddenly of a heart attack at noon Tuesday, June 22, 1943, while returning to work. He was born November 13, 1875, in Belgium. He and Henriette Maria MATTIE were married in Belgium in 1897 and with their children, Eva and Herman came to the United States in 1907. Besides his wife he is survived by two granddaughters, Mrs. J. LUTYNAKY and Sylvia Ann VANDENBERG, both of New Kensington. A sister, Mrs. Dolphine MINUET of Ensley, Ala., also survives. A daughter, Mrs. Eva VANDENBERG, died August 18, 1942, and a son, Herman BONTINK, died April 3, 1919. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. this Friday in the BONTINK home, conducted by the Rev. O. F. GARDNER, D. D. pastor of the First Presbyterian church, McDonald. Burial will be in Robinson's Run cemetery.

Arthur BOULANGER, 72, of Fallowfield township, near Charleroi, died at 11:15 p.m. Monday, June 28, 1943, in the Charleroi-Monessen hospital, following a two-year illness.

A son of Leopold and Louise MARTIN BOULANGER, he was born June 21, 1871, in Hermont, Belgium, and had at one time resided in the DEBRUXELLES home on Belgian hill Cecil. His wife was the former Julia MERSERA. He is survived by four sons, Alphonse, Jules, George, and Arthur, and a sister, Mrs. Camille SAVARNO, all of Charleroi. There are six grandchildren. Funeral services were held July 1 in the BOULANGER home, conducted by the Rev. Frank S. MONT.. of the Charleroi.. (*Remainder is crumbled away*)

Mrs. Philomene GATY, 72, died at 9:115 p.m. Thursday, August 12, 1943, in the home of her daughter, Mrs. **Herman SUPPLIT**, Valley street, McDonald. A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Prosper Ghislain DEVREUX, she was born November 14, 1870 in Jumet, Belgium, and had been a resident of McDonald the past 47 years. Besides Mrs. SUPPLIT, she is survived by a sister, Mrs. Sylvia JIANNINO of Wilkinsburg, and a granddaughter, Hilda Mae SUPPLIT.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in the Irons Memorial French U.P. Church, McDonald, conducted by the pastor, Dr. Alexandre MAGE. Burial was in Hilldale cemetery.



Ernest Solvay

<http://www.solvay.com/about/history/ernestsolvay/0%2C6412%2C10502-2-0%2C00.htm>

Ernest Solvay was born in 1838, the son of a quarry master from Rebecq-Rognon in Belgium. From a very young age he exhibited a passion for physics, chemistry and natural history, and at the age of 23 he and his brother Alfred developed a new process for the industrial production of sodium carbonate. They founded the company Solvay & Cie on December 24, 1863, flirting with bankruptcy on several occasions during the nearly 10 years it took them to perfect the process. But in the end they succeeded, thanks both to their perseverance and to the active support of their friends and family.

From 1870 to 1880, Solvay promoted the global expansion of the company. Factories were set up in Belgium, France, England, Germany, Russia and the United States. Ernest Solvay oversaw the organization and development of this industrial empire with remarkable insight. For example, he was one of the first to make industrial use of electrolysis.

Ernest Solvay was also a man of progressive social ideals, which he implemented within his factories. He established before legal obligations a social security system, pensions for the workers in 1878, an 8-hour workday in 1897, and paid vacations in 1913. After becoming wealthy, he looked to society at large, and founded several scientific, philanthropic, and charitable foundations, including the Institutes of Physiology (1895) and of Sociology (1901), as well as the prestigious School of Business (1903) which still bears his name.

His overriding passion for science was again expressed in 1911 when he organized a meeting in Brussels of most of the famous physicists and chemists of the time. Participants included Marie Curie, Albert Einstein, Max Planck, Ernest Rutherford, Raymond Poincaré and the Duke Louis de Broglie. This was the birth of the Solvay international physics council, which has met 20 times between 1911 and 1991, assembling some of the most brilliant scientists in the world.

Despite Ernest Solvay's consistently fragile health, he lived a full and intense life until the age of 83. The contributions he made to society during his lifetime, and the industrial and social legacy he left behind, are both impressive and an inspiration to many.

Did You Know?

That **Ernest Solvay's** (1838-1922), a Belgian industrial chemist and manufacturer, greatest achievement was the development in 1861 of the ammonia process for the manufacture of soda and its supply on a commercial basis.

The **Solvay process** is a simple method of making sodium carbonate beginning with common salt.

The first U.S. plant using the process was built at Syracuse, N.Y., in 1882. The development of this process not only made the manufacture of soap and glass less expensive but also led to the establishment of the chlorine and chloralkali industries.

Approximately 4 million tons of sodium carbonate are produced in the U.S. annually by the Solvay process, and 3 million tons are recovered from natural deposits. The compound is also used in the manufacture of ceramics and in the pulping of wood to make paper. It is also used in petroleum refining, as a water softener, as a cleaner and degreaser in washing compounds, and in the manufacture of other sodium-containing compounds, such as sodium hydroxide. Calcium chloride, often mixed with salt, is widely used as a snow removal and dust abatement chemical on highways and streets.

DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION: Brown County, Wisconsin

A continuing series, submitted by Mary Ann Defnet

Beginning in the year 1907, the Declarations include the birth date and place of birth of the immigrants. We are including these to aid the researcher. Names appear as written by the Clerk or the immigrant, with corrections in parentheses, if known. These Declarations are on file at the Area Research Center, University of Wisconsin/Green Bay.

Name	Birth	Place	Port	Arrival	Declaration
BECQUE, Eugene Marie	23 May 1877	Gand (Ghent)	New York	2 Nov 1905	5 Jan 1907
COPPENS, William	27 Apr 1872	Weert St. George	New York	6 Jan 1906	16 Mar 1907
LAES, Henri	19 Mar 1878	Berthem	New York	13 Mar 1906	2 Apr 1907
MEULEMANS, Charles	16 Aug 1871	Blanden	New York	16 May 1906	23 Dec 1907
PEETERS, Joseph	12 Aug 1886	Vaalbeek	New York	20 juin 1906	23 Dec 1907
RENTMEESTER, Peter	10 May 1870	Vieux Heverlee	Boston	1 mars 1906	16 Mar 1907
BINON, Denis	7 Sept 1865	Rhisnes	New York	17 Jun 1871	18 Jan 1908
BRAET, Jean	12 Feb 1882	Oostcamp	New York	28 Mar 1905	30 Jun 1908
CAPELLE, Gustave	13 Aug 1874	Meux	New York	12 Mar 1891	6 Apr 1908
COOPMANS, Philip	26 Apr 1877	Heverlee	New York	6 Apr 1906	15 Sep 1908
DE BOTH, Joannes Franciscus	9 janv 1847	Ot tenbourg	Philadelphia	1 Aug 1856	29 Jun 1908
DECOSTER, Jozef Ferdinand	19 Mar 1883	Oud-Heverlee	New York	7 Apr 1906	25 Mar 1908
DEFALQUE, Ernest	17 Dec 1866	Ohain	New York	24 Apr 1902	30 Mar 1908
GILIN, Clement	6 Oct 1884	St.Joris Weert	New York	8 Jan 1906	28 Mar 1908
HANHOX, Edewa	17 July 1881	Nethen	New York	16 Mar 1906	28 Mar 1908
LEBRUN, Joseph	21 Jan 1866	St. Denis	New York	12 Jun 1881	30 Mar 1908
MARTIN, Gaspart	26 Dec 1844	Tour.-la-Grosse	Pt .Huron	1 Jul 1856	10 Jun 1908
NUTHALS, Eugene	16 Sep 1881	St Joris Weert	New York	7 Apr 1906	16 Apr 1908
RENIER, Theodore	15 May 1851	Beauvechain	New York	May 1854	25 May 1908
SMIS, Camiel	10 Nov 1881	Moerkieke	New York	29 Feb 1904	13 Mar 1908
VANDENBRANDEN, Julius Alphonse	12 Apr 1872	Callona	New York	Sep 1881	26 Aug 1908
VANDERLINDEN, Theophil	12 Feb 1884	Weert St. George	New York	5 Apr 1906	21 Mar 1908
VANDEZANDE, Herman	7 Oct 1877	, Brabant	New York	19 May 1906	23 Mar 1908
VANWEDDINGEN, Emil	28 Dec 1884	Weert St. George	New York	11 Feb 1907	21 Mar 1908
BAEB, Felix	15 Aug 1876	Bierbeek	Phila.	20 Apr 1887	2 Mar 1909
BROUWERS, Henry Jean	8 Jan 1875	Antwerp	New York	8 June 1908	5 May 1909
DUPONT, John Baptist	5 Nov 1857	Grand-Leez	GreenBay	Mar 1871	28 Jun 1909
LAES, Peter	31 Aug 1884	Berthem	New York	1 May 1907	10 Mar 1909
LEGOIS, John	22 Apr 1864	Incourt	New York	Aug 1864	11 Jun 1909
WITTEBOLS, Alphonse	1 Nov 1876	Berthem	New York	27 Oct 1907	10 Mar 1909

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DeGRAND, Jules J., 82 of 608 1st Avenue South, a prominent Escanaba businessman died Tuesday (August 4, 1964) at 12:20pm at St. Francis Hospital where he had been a patient for one week.

A well-known senior citizen, Mr. DeGrand was chosen to reign as patriarch of the Escanaba Centennial celebration last year. He was born May 13, 1882 in Brussels, Wisconsin and came to Escanaba with his parents in 1887. He attended St. Anne's School and was married to the former Isabel Cholette in St. Anne's Church in 1911 (August 12, 1911). He worked as the Escanaba dealer for the Hudson Motor Co., before founding the DeGrand Oil Co. in 1930. He retired in 1945.

Mr. DeGrand was a member of St. Joseph's Church, the Holy Name Society, Third Order of St. Francis, an honorary member of the Third Degree Knights of Columbus and of Assembly 640 Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

Besides his wife he is survived by one son, Edward of Escanaba; five daughters, Ruth DeGrand, Chicago, Mrs. H. George (Genevieve) Nelson, Escanaba, Mrs. Clement (Bernice) Bushy, Madison, Wis., Mrs. Clarence (Jeanette) Rebeck, Lombard, Ill., and Mrs. Gerald (Joan) Barron, Grenada Hills, Calif.; three sisters, Misses Rose and Florence DeGrand, Escanaba and Mrs. Joseph (Adele) Demerse, Gladstone Rte. 1; two brothers, John, Escanaba and Victor of St. Nicholas; 24 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

Friends may call at the Allo Funeral Home on Thursday from 3 to 9:30pm and rosaries will be recited by the Daughters of Isabella at 4pm, the Third Order of St. Francis, 7pm and Knights of Columbus, 7:30pm. Parish prayers will be said at 8pm. Funeral services will be conducted at 10am Friday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Rev. Farrell Byers O.F.M. officiating. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Aug. 5, 1964 Escanaba Daily Press, Escanaba, Michigan For more information please contact Trina Rabida

DeGRAND, Raphael 'Ray' 1912-1992

ESCANABA--Raphael 'Ray' DeGrand, 80, of 915 S. 17th St., died at 7:15pm Friday at Marquette General Hospital following a lengthy illness.

He was born Feb. 19, 1912, in Escanaba, son of Fred and Rose (DeMars) DeGrand. He lived in Escanaba all his life. He married the former Margaret Robitaille Oct. 17, 1945, at St. Anne's Church in Escanaba.

He was employed with Mead Paper for 34 years as a heavy equipment operator, retiring in 1976.

Mr. DeGrand was a member of St. Anne Church where he served as an usher and was also a former member of St. Anne's school board. He was a member of the Mead Retirement Club.

Survivors include: his wife, Margaret; a daughter, Mrs. Tom (Ann Marie) Simon of Davison; two sisters, Mrs. Rosella Nordquist of Ford River and Mrs. Henry (Bea) Mayville of Escanaba; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and two sisters.

Visitation will be 4 to 8pm today at Allo Funeral Home. Liturgical prayers will be conducted at 7:30. Funeral Mass will be 11am Tuesday at St. Anne Church, with Rev. Peter Minelli officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Rest Cemetery.

Oct. 26, 1992 Escanaba Daily Press, Escanaba, Michigan For more information please contact Trina Rabida

DeGRAND, Raymond 1914-1958

Raymond W. DeGrand, 43, of 1810 1st Ave S., died at St. Francis Hospital at 2:40am today. He had been in ill health for the past four months. Mr. DeGrand was born August 4, 1914 and was a life resident of Escanaba. He attended St. Joseph School and was a graduate of the class of 1933.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Holy Name Society and was a trustee of St. Joseph's Church.

Mr. DeGrand was a wholesale distributor for a gas and oil company.

He married Mary Jeanette Blomstrom on June 30, 1936. Also surviving are five sons, Thomas, Robert, Daniel, James, and John; five daughters, Dorothy, Mary Jean, Vicki, Julie and Patti; his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Jules DeGrand of Escanaba; four sisters, Mrs. H. George Nelson, Escanaba; Mrs. Clem Bushy of Madison; Mrs. Clarence Rebeck, Lombard, Ill.; Mrs. Gerald Barron, Greeley, Colo, and one brother, Edward of Escanaba.

Friends may call at the Allo Funeral Home after 10am Sunday. The rosary will be recited at the funeral home at 8pm Sunday. Funeral services will be held Monday at 9am at St. Joseph Church. The celebrant will be Rev. Thomas Blomstrom, Army Aviation chaplain, Fort Rucker, Ill.

Funeral services for Raymond DeGrand were held at 9am today at St. Joseph's Church. The Rev. Thomas Blomstrom, O.F.M., Fort Rucker, Ill., was celebrant of the Solemn Requiem High Mass. The Rev. Dominic Calme, O.F.M., was deacon and the Rev. Dunstan Schmildin, O.F.M., was sub-deacon. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers, Knights of Columbus were, Walter Viau, Dwayne Peterson, David Walch, Alex St., Cyr, Wilfred Carrier and Elmer Bonifas. Close personal friends who also served as honorary pallbearers were Lionel Beaumier, Robert Dunford, William Ettenhofer, Walter Snyder, Clem Skopp and Frank Goemans.

Active pallbearers were Ray and Paul LaPorte, Paul Coan, Milton McGovern, James Fitzpatrick and Harian Peterson.

Escanaba Daily Press, Escanaba, Michigan For more information please contact Trina Rabida

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DeGRAND, Thomas E. 1938-1991

POWERS (MICH.)--Thomas E. DeGrand, 53, of Whispering Pines, Powers, died Wednesday afternoon, May 1 at St. Francis Hospital, following a lengthy illness.

He was born March 12, 1938, in Escanaba, a son of Raymond N. and Mary J. (Blomstrom) DeGrand, and step-son of Edward DeGrand. He had resided in Powers for the past three years.

Survivors include: five sisters, Mrs. Don (Dorothy) Scott, Mrs. Robert (Julie) Gasparick, Mrs. Frank (Jean) Berres, and Mrs. David (Patti) Benetti, all of Escanaba, and Mrs. Pat (Vicki) DeGaynor of Menominee; and five brothers, Robert, Daniel, James, John and Paul, all of Escanaba.

Funeral services for Mr. DeGrand were held Friday afternoon at the Allo Funeral Home, with the Pastoral Associate Joel Soldenski, OFM, of St. Joseph Church officiating. Interment was in the Holy Cross Cemetery.

May 4 1991, Escanaba Daily Press, Escanaba, Michigan For more information please contact Trina Rabida

DEGROOTE, Edward; of RR2, Scotland, Ont, Canada; born Laeken, W.F., Belgium; came to Canada in 1924; died Aug 16,1995; age 76th year; wife **Simone NOTREDAME**; son of **Raymond DEGROOTE & Irma CATELIN**

DEJAEGHER, Anaise Pauline; of Courtland, ON, Canada; born Jul 12,1898 Meenen, W. F., Belgium; died May 9,1993; husband **Jules DEJAEGHER** Mar 20,1959; daughter of **Camiel STROOBANDT & Delphine CREVITS**

DEJAEGHER, Willie; of Langton, ON, Canada; born Aug 16,1921 Kortemart, W.F., Belgium; died Sep 10,1993; wife **Martha VANGOETHM**

DEJONGHE, Celina, born Vilvoorde, East FLanders, Belgium died Sept 21,1990 daughter of **Englbertus Croon & Maria Serva** *Tillsonburg News Obits*

DEKEUKELAERE, Godelieve; of Delhi, ON, Canada; born Kortryk, Belgium; died Jun 27,1994; age 84th year; husband : **Maurice DEKEUKELAERE**

DEKONINCK, Antoinette, born Bekegem, West Flanders, Belgium , died Aug 22,1990, daughter of **Alois Seynaeve & Irma Rommelaere** *Tillsonburg News Obits*

DEKONINCK, Willem; Delhi, ON, Canada; born Apr 30,1992 Torout, W.F. Belgium; came to Canada in 1948; died Apr 30,1992; son of **Julien DEKONINCK & Emma LANDUYT**

DELEEMANS, Alfons, born Feb 20,1924 Ninove, East Flanders, Belgium, died July 30,1983, son of **Peter DeLeemans & Stephany VanDePealt**; wife **Antoinette (Jeanette) Boterberg**

DELEEUW, Eric; of Brampton,Ont, Canada; born May 20,1949 Ninove, Belgium;died Jul 10,1995; wife **Christine YAPP**; son of **Denis & Gabrielle DELEEUW**

DELY, Maurice Michael, born Mar 7,1921, Roeslaare, West Flanders, Belgium, died Jan 4,1990 son of **Cyriel Dely & Clara VanOverbeke** *Tillsonburg News Obits*

DEMAERE, Gerarda; Delhi,ON, Canada; born Lokeren, East Flanders, Belgium; came to Canada in 1948; died Feb 12,1992; age 72 years; daughter of **Jean Baptist VERDONCK & Maria L DECOCKE**

DEMAITER, Martha; Tillsonburg ON Canada; born Aug 21,1901 Moorslede, West Flanders, Belgium; came to Canada in 1927; died Mar 30,1985; daughter of **Charles FROYMAN & Julie HERREMAN**

DEMAITER, Maurice; of RR 2, Langton, Ont, Canada; born May 29,1906 Moorslede, West Flanders, Belgium; died May 13,1995; wife **Julia DECUPPERE**

DEMEULEMEESTER, Henri; Tillsonburg ON Canada; born May 1,1907 Eerneghem, West Flanders, Belgium; came to Ontario 1924; died Dec 26,1985; son of **Charles DEMEULEMEESTER & Matilda ROOSSEEL**

DEMERYERE, Cyril Joseph; Tillsonburg ON Canada; born Jun 27,1894 Kaachtem, West Flanders, Belgium; came to Canada in 1920; died Aug 7,1985

DEMERYERE, Gabrielle Anna, born June 1,1897, Deerlyk, West Flanders, Belgium d/o **August Vandenriessche & Maria Theresa Kerchove** *Tillsonburg News Obits*

DEMERYERE, Zulma; Tillsonburg, ON, Canada; born Jan 14,1903 Wingene, Belgium; came to Canada in 1947; died Feb 14,1992

DE MUNCK - Lavern W. Born Feb. 22, 1921 in the Town of Forest, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin, died Feb. 14, 1991 in Plymouth, MN. Son of **William and Anna Lemkuil De Munck**, graduate of Plymouth High School, 1938. Married **Dorothy Sieber** June 3, 1944 and farmed in the Town of Greenbush, MN. Survivors: Wife Dorothy; four sons, Philip (Joan) of Chisago City, MN; Warren (Toni) Town of Greenbush; Mark of El Paso, Texzs; Steven (Peggy) Town of Greenbush. Preceded in death by sister Thelma.

1905: FIFTY YEARS IN DALLAS: John B. Louckx Tells of His Early Experiences.

April 30, 1905, The Dallas Daily Times Herald, p. 12, col. 1-2.
<http://freepages.history.rootsweb.com/~jwheat/recollect1.html>

John B. Louckx, who resides at 446 Fairmount Street, is one of the oldest citizens of Dallas in point of continuous residence, he having resided here for fifty years on the 25th day of this month. Mr. Louckx is one of the first fourteen men who came over with the founders of the "French colony." The personnel of the first fourteen members of this colony to first reach the scene of their settlement, which was in the vicinity of where the cement works are now located, consisted of six Frenchmen, six Belgians and two Germans.

The subject of this sketch is a Belgian. He was born at Louvain, Belgium, on the 10th day of February, 1829, and at this time he is in his seventy-sixth year. He graduated from the School of Architecture of the city in which he was born and he followed his chosen profession up until a couple of years ago. He had drawn the plans and built many of the houses of this city.

The first contingent of those who composed the French colony, among them Mr. Louckx, sailed from Antwerp in the year 1854. The voyage was made on the Oriole, one of the four vessels plying between New Orleans and Antwerp at that time. After a trip that lasted for sixty-five days the emigrants landed at New Orleans. Here they waited until they heard from North Texas as to whether they could reach Dallas by coming up the Trinity river by water, as the river in those days was navigable for a great distance up the stream.

After waiting for some time word was finally received that they could not come by water, from the fact that the Trinity was at an unusually low stage at that time. This resulted in them changing their plans and they then made another voyage from New Orleans to Galveston and from the latter place they went to Houston by water, using the Buffalo bayou. Here they again received word from North Texas urging them to make haste in order that they might get here in time to build houses and get the crops in so that they would be in shape to provide for the other emigrants that were expected to soon join them.

Being unable to obtain horses and wagons at Houston, the fourteen men, as mentioned above, made the trip from Houston to Dallas on foot, pushing before them a push cart, which contained all of the actual necessities of the trip. They left their wives and families at the former place, while they walked many miles, covering the distance in fourteen days. This is only an incident which goes to show what kind of material the early pioneers of Texas were made of.

When those first emigrants arrived here the population of Dallas consisted of about three hundred persons. The establishing of this colony near Dallas resulted in bringing about 500 more people here, and who knows but what this was the first step which was ever taken towards making Dallas the leading city of Texas.

When they first arrived here a wooden bridge was in the course of construction across the Trinity river at the foot of Commerce street. This bridge served as the connecting link with all of the vast country west of the city and the city, or village, which it was at that time. This bridge was constructed of cedar logs and it only lasted for a short time. When it became so bad as to be impassable, a ferry was established south of the bridge, and it was used for a long time.

In speaking of the different courthouses of Dallas county, Mr. Louckx said: "The first courthouse of Dallas county was made out of cedar logs and it was located on the west side of the courthouse square. This building consisted of two rooms. The next courthouse was a two-story brick which served from 1860[?] until 1870, and then it was torn down because it became unsafe. The next building to be erected for offices of the county officials was a stone structure. This was a very large building compared to the others and there was four courtrooms on the second floor, while the other officials had offices on the first floor. This building was destroyed by fire fifteen or more years ago and it was followed by the present building."

Although born in a foreign country, he is very proud of his adopted country, and in speaking of it, he said: "Although I love the country in which I was born as much as any man could love his native land, I also love my adopted country and am proud to say that I have had the honor to serve her in different capacities."

He saw two years of actual service on the Confederate side during the Civil war, having been a member of Company F of Waller's battalion. This company was captained by Joseph C. Terrell of Fort Worth, brother of the framer of the Terrell election law. This company was organized in the county where the recent deplorable killing occurred, and it is said to have been one of the most dashing companies of this battalion.

He also served six years as a member of the city council and was the alderman from the First ward. His time of service was under the administrations of John Henry Brown and W. C. Connor. He was an ardent advocate of the present plan of waterworks for the city and was one of the members who favored the present location of the pumping station and reservoirs. The land on which the waterworks is located, as well as the land where the city hospital stands, was bought while he was a member of the city council. In talking to a reporter the other day, Mr. Louckx said that the city secured the property at a bargain when they did secure it. He said that he knew that there had been much said about the location of the pumping station and reservoirs where they were located, but that when this was done there was a sandbar across the river at the mouth of Turtle creek and there was fifteen feet of water just above this bar all the time. He said that this was one reason for the location of the waterworks where they are now, and another one is that the members of the city council believed it would be a good plan to have the plant located near the mouth of Turtle creek, which at that time was a large sized stream and had a good supply of water in it the year round.

Mr. Louckx has made a couple of trips back to his native land in the fifty years that he has lived here, but he always came back to America. He frankly admits that although he loves the old country, America seems more like home to him.

He has always led a very active outdoor life and the 78 years of summer's sun and wind and of winter's rain and cold rests lightly on his shoulders. It is true that his hair is white, but his step is still elastic and his eyes are as good as they ever were. He still gets around a great deal and it is not much of a task for him to walk from his residence, which is out in North Dallas, to the city and back.

Mr. Louckx says that he is the last one of the first fourteen men who were the nucleus of the foundation of the "French colony." Adolph Frick, who resides at the corner of Bryan and Olive street, also came to this country as a member of this colony, but he arrived here some time after Mr. Louckx did. The late Henry Boll, who died here several months ago, was also a member of this colony.

Years later, bracelet is returned: Husband died in WWII with ID tag

Submitted by Dolores DEYOUNG-FALLON

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Virginia "Ginny" Moore tried to hold back emotions that had been building nearly 60 years. Virginia "Ginny" Moore and Lorenzo Maierna in Moore's North Fort Myers home. Maierna, a police officer from Belgium, found a bracelet owned by Moore's husband, who died during World War II in the Battle of the Bulge. She couldn't.



For Moore, a North Fort Myers resident, seeing the silver object again — something that didn't seem possible five months ago — induced tears and instant memories.

Belgium police officer Lorenzo Maierna reacquainted her with the bracelet Friday night at Southwest Florida International Airport. She hadn't seen the piece of silver since husband Marcus L. Comer left to fight in World War II in late 1944.

"I was speechless," Moore said. "I kissed it. It was wonderful."

Moore gave the bracelet to her husband before he was shipped into combat overseas. He was killed Jan. 14, 1945, in the Battle of the Bulge near Villers-la-Bonne-Eau, Belgium.

Maierna found the bracelet last year while searching for World War II artifacts on a battle site. Comer's name and his serial number is engraved on one side, with "Love, Ginny" inscribed on the other. Maierna wasn't sure what he had when his metal detector first beeped inside the shallow foxhole.

"I kicked the dirt the first time and saw nothing," said Maierna, who lives in Arlon, Belgium. "The second time, it came out."

Maierna said he made about 20 phone calls before he found Moore in August, including one to Comer's brother, Kermit Comer, an 87-year-old World War II veteran who lives in New Lebanon, Ohio.

"You can't explain it," Maierna said of his feelings upon returning the bracelet, which is missing most of its links.

Maierna and his wife, Dolores, decided to visit Florida and present Moore with the bracelet in person. In exchange, Moore has amended her will to return the bracelet to Maierna upon her death. Maierna hopes to open a World War II museum in Belgium to commemorate American veterans.

Since the bracelet surfaced, Moore has become the toast of Horizon Village, the mobile home park where she lives.

Horizon Village residents are throwing Moore and the Maiernas a party Thursday to celebrate the bracelet's return. Moore also was the featured guest during the park's Veterans Day ceremonies.

Moore is hosting the Maiernas during their weeklong stay in Southwest Florida. She plans to take them on an Everglades day trip and "whatever they want to see."

She pins the bracelet on her blouse for now, but plans to convert the piece into a necklace.

"It's not like she had a crystal ball and knew it was coming," said Moore's son, Marcus Comer Jr., 60, of North Fort Myers.

"Hooray. I'm happy for her."



Virginia "Ginny" Moore and Lorenzo Maierna in Moore's North Fort Myers home.

Researching Online: Internet Links of Interest

Emigrants to America

<http://www.geocities.com/emigrantdiksmuide/index.html>

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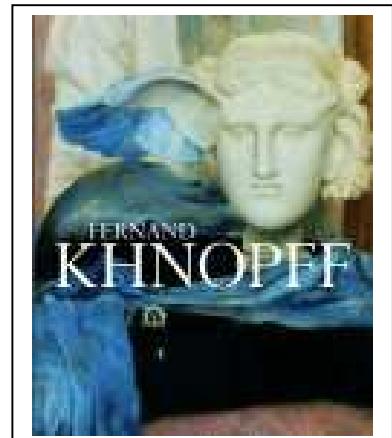
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Les Musées royaux des Beaux-Arts de Belgique:

January 16th to May 9th, 2004: KHNOPFF



The Royal Museums of the Beaux-Arts de Belgique will be hosting from January 16th to May 9th, 2004, an important exhibit consecrated to "the master of Belgian Symbolism"

The exhibit will show some 250 pieces of art that have rarely, maybe even never, been shown to the public. To present this fabulous work (made up of paintings, pastels, sculptures, engravings, photographs) in its context as well as to contrast it, the exhibit will also show the works of other European artists.

Namely, the works of Klimt, Burne-Jones, Rossetti, Von Stuck, Moreau and Mondrian.

The visitor will be able to let Fernand Khnopff's creative imagination soak in thoroughly in a "Viennese atmosphere".

The artist spent his youth in Bruges where his father was "Procureur du Roi". This will leave an indelible impression on his work.

After his family settled in Brussels the young man spent his vacations in the little village of Fosset, located between Bastogne and Saint-Hubert, where solitude and silence will awaken deeply felt emotions. Woman plays an important part in Khnopff's work. His sister Marguerite will remain his favorite model.

Khnopff studied Law at the Université Libre de Bruxelles but soon found a passion for the current French literature. He was often found in the Académie des Beaux-Arts where he met James Ensor. He spent much time in Paris where he becomes acquainted with, among others, Delacroix and d'Ingres. He also had shows in England. But he gained international fame in 1898 when he exhibited no less than 21 works of art which impressed Gustav Klimt.

After his death in 1921, his work was forgotten as symbolism was no longer the fad of the day. It was not until the 1970s that it was rehabilitated thanks to several art historians.

The exhibit is open to the public Tuesday through Sunday from 10am to 5pm with extended hours on Thursday 10am to 9pm.

Cost: 9 euros.

Senior Citizens: 6,50 euros

School groups: 2,50 euros

The SNCB offers its B-Excursions (train + entry pass).

Dreams and the unconscious were central to Khnopff's art; he frequently quoted these words of **Paul Bourget**:

"Dreams are but lies," says an old maxim; but when our last hour is at hand, and but a few brief minutes are left to what was "I," pale lights that are fast growing dim, who can tell by what mark to distinguish you, O memories of the actual life, from you, O mirages from the dream life."

Born in Eastern Flanders, of a family of magistrates, Khnopff grew up in Bruges. He enrolled at the Law School in Brussels which he soon abandoned for the Académie des Beaux-Arts. There he studied under Xavier Mellery who taught him to consider painting as an enquiry into the meaning hidden in the "soul of things". In 1877, on a visit to Paris, he discovered the work of Delacroix, Gustave Moreau, and the Pre-Raphaelites (particularly Rossetti and Burne-Jones). The influence of these painters was to be of vital importance.

On his return to Belgium he was one of the founders, in 1883, of The Twenty ("Groupe des XX") and was much admired by both painters and poets. Emile Verhaeren wrote enthusiastically about him in *La Jeune Belgique* and at first the rest of the press joined in his praises, though they tended to prefer his child portraits and landscapes.

In 1892 he exhibited in Paris at the first Salon de la Rose+Croix, encouraged by his new friend, Joséphin Péladan. However, this friendship brought him trouble with The Twenty, some members having little regard for the Rose+Croix. He was a friend of the Belgian poets Georges Rodenbach and Grégoire Le Roy, some of whose books he illustrated. From this Symbolist poetry he took certain themes: silence, solitude, secretiveness and deserted towns. Already during his lifetime he was almost a cult figure, creating a personality for himself as a dandy much sought after in Society circles. He was given the Order of Leopold in recognition of his services to painting but despite this he was an exceptionally private artist. In about 1900 he had a house built to his own plans; it was like one of the structures in his pictures, a house out of a dream with false windows.

<http://www.artmagick.com/artists/khnopff.aspx>

QUERIES

BL04-04

From: Nat Arnould - nat_arnould@yahoo.fr

Charles ARNOULD and descendants

I seek the descendants of Charles Joseph ARNOULD born in Flawinne, Belgium on Oct 27th, 1859 married with Anne Marie PATINY. Their 4 children were: Marie Thérèse born in Malonne on July 8th, 1884, Jules, Alfred and Josephine. They left Belgium between 1890-1900 to go to Pittsburgh or Tarentum, PA. Thank for your assistance

ANSWERS:

BL04-01-03

From: Chuck Van Den Eeden

To: kreynen@rcn.com - Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2004 7:37 PM

I note your interest in Belgian immigrants to Chicago. In particular, the reference to Gus Van Hecke, the Chicago Flat Janitor Union Local #1 and family history on janitors before 1950. My grandfather, Karel Lodewyk [Charles L.] Van Den Eeden and his son Frank, were Chicago janitors before 1950.

Are you aware of the web site:

<http://Belgium.rootsweb.com>

On behalf of this group, I contacted the Service Employees Union [SEIU] on two occasions in an effort to gain their cooperation in finding the names of early members of the Chicago Flat Janitors Union Local #1 many of whom would have been of Belgian origin but was rebuffed. They did say early records had been donated to the Walter E. Reuther Library at Wayne State University. A contact there resulted in being advised the donated records did not contain names of union members.

The above web site, under Illinois, Chicago, does contain a list of members of the Chicago Belgian American Club of Chicago from about 1940 to 1970. I was told earlier records had been destroyed after being severely damaged in a janitors' flooded basement apartment. I was told it was either Gus Van Hecke or his son's apartment.

<http://belgianclubchicago.8m.com>

This site has been inactive over the last 2 years but can still be accessed for names of the officers.

Georges Picavet of Belgium, web owner of Belgium.rootsweb.com has made several trips to the USA and to Chicago contacting local Belgians.

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Charles ARNOULD and descendants

Charles Arnould traveled aboard the 'Westernland' which landed in NY on Jul 14th, 1887. His family didn't accompany him.

The 1910 Pennsylvania Miracode shows him living in Tarentum, PA. His brother-in-law Zacharie PATINY (misspelled on the census) was living with Charles' family. The 1920 Census indicates that the family followed in 1889.

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